

WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 22, 2009 AS *LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY* IN WEST VALLEY CITY.

WHEREAS, the citizens of West Valley City stand firmly committed to quality after-school programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, the Community Education Partnership of West Valley City has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights on After School*, a national celebration of after-school programs on October 22nd promotes the critical importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 14.3 million children have no place to go after school; and

WHEREAS, many after-school programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis J. Nordfelt, Mayor of West Valley City, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2009, as *Lights on After School Day*; and further proclaim that this Mayor and City Council enthusiastically endorses *Lights on After School* and commits our community to engage in innovative after-school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Dated this ____ day of October, 2009.

WEST VALLEY CITY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER